

U. S. AGENTS ARE NOW PROBING INTO FOOD COST

Detailed Instructions Are Sent to Field Agents in Various Sections.

Washington, D. C., Aug. 14.—Agents of the department of commerce began their work today as part of the investigation ordered by president Wilson to determine if food prices in this country are being artificially raised because of the European war. These instructions were sent to field agents at New York, Boston, Chicago, Atlanta and New Orleans.

You are instructed to inquire immediately and carefully whether there has been a recent rise in retail prices in your city and vicinity; if so, on what articles and to what extent.

Special attention should be given to foodstuffs and articles of clothing and other necessities. Learn whether the advance, if it exists, is general or confined to particular commodities, and if so, what prices and if it has been sudden or gradual, and if not articles have fallen in price. Learn what reasons are given for any advance that may have occurred and inquire particularly as to whether such reasons are the actual ones.

Inquire Into Speculation.

Give special care to determine if there has been any advance due to speculation, either on the general situation or on the temporary delay in ocean transit. Consider whether a stock exists or is available of any commodity that may have been advanced, and whether the facts show a purpose to use the war situation to secure undue profits in food prices.

Learn if any combination exists to advance prices under restrictive conditions. When the facts shall have been determined sufficiently to give a clear idea of the general situation, report them promptly to the chief of the bureau of foreign and domestic commerce and continue the inquiry subject to his instructions.

The New Baby is World's Wonder

Every tiny infant makes life's perspective wider and brighter. And whatever there is to advance its arrival and to ease and comfort the expectant mother should be given attention. Among the most helpful things is an external abdominal application known as "Mother's Friend" as one of their staple and reliable remedies. It is applied to the abdominal muscles to relieve the strain on ligaments and tendons.

In a little book are described more fully the manner of using "Mother's Friend" for more than two generations. This book was prepared not only to aid the inexperienced but to enable so many women to have at hand the timely hints, suggestions and helps in connection with maternity for ready reference. It should be in all homes. "Mother's Friend" may be had at any drug store, or if you fail to find it write to direct and also write for book to Druggist, Regulator Co., 303 Lamar Bldg., Atlanta, Georgia.

HAIR FELL OUT BY HANDFULS

Scalp Itched All the Time. Could Not Sleep. Nearly Lost All of Hair. Used Cuticura Soap and Ointment. Head All Healed.

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"I had been suffering for about six months with itching of the scalp. It began by my scalp breaking out in sores which itched all the time. I had no sleep and I would lie in bed and couldn't sleep on account of the itching. My hair fell out by handfuls. It was thin and didn't grow at all. I nearly lost all my hair. I used all kinds of remedies and nothing seemed to do me any good. I saw Cuticura Soap and Ointment advertised in the paper and sent for a sample. I used them about four times and saw that my hair stopped coming out. So I bought a cake of Cuticura Soap and a box of Cuticura Ointment and in two months my head was all healed and my hair started to grow and I haven't had any trouble since." (Signed) Mrs. Little Waddell, Jan. 2, 1914.

Samples Free by Mail

It is so easy to get rid of skin troubles by using Cuticura Soap exclusively and a little Cuticura Ointment occasionally that it is a pity not to do so in all cases of pimples, eruptions, roughness, itching and irritations. A single set is often sufficient when all else fails. Although Cuticura Soap (25c) and Cuticura Ointment (50c) are sold by druggists everywhere, a sample of each with 20-Skin Book will be sent free upon request. Address: "Cuticura, Dept. T, Boston."

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Dodson's Liver Tonic is a perfect vegetable remedy to take instead of calomel and is guaranteed to be harmless. If you have trouble with constipation or biliousness, be careful how you take calomel, because calomel is a form of mercury, and if mercury remains in the system very long, it will sicken and eventually induce the strongest person that ever lived.

If you need something to start the liver to working take Dodson's Liver Tonic. It is a harmless vegetable liquid which will open up the liver as well as calomel does and without any bad after effects. No restriction of habit or diet is necessary. Dodson's Liver Tonic is as safe for children as it is for grown people and everybody likes its taste.

Buy a bottle for fifty cents from Kelly & Pollard, and if you do not find that it absolutely cures the place of calomel, two drug stores will give you your money back as soon as you ask for it. No refund—this is the guarantee that talks—no advertisement.

GOVERNMENT TO PROBE RAISES IN FOOD PRICES HERE

Federal Officials Receive Instructions to Learn the Cause of Advance.

Increases in the prices of foodstuffs in El Paso, with a view to ascertaining whether they are the result of unlawful combination, are to be investigated immediately, according to instructions received by local federal officials. The inquiry is to be a thorough one and is being made in connection with an order of attorney general McInerney for a nationwide investigation of alleged combinations to boost prices of foodstuffs.

Recently there has been a considerable rise locally in the prices of the three principal articles of food, namely, meat, flour and sugar. In order for any action to be taken, however, it must first be proved that this is not the result of natural causes but has been brought about by an unlawful combination. Besides this, it must be proved that the unlawful combination in at least interstate before the government can act, although there are state laws against such a combination.

Consumers, retailers and wholesalers will be seen by the local government officials in the course of the investigation. Large consumers, such as the hotels, will be asked regarding the prices of food. Local dealers report that since the opening of the European war, the rise in prices of a number of foodstuffs has been general throughout the country and point to the practical cessation of European trade as the cause.

BUILDING RECORDS SHOW BIG INCREASE

Chicago, Ill., Aug. 14.—Building operations in the United States showed an increase of 15 percent last month as compared with the same month a year ago, according to statistics which will be published by the Construction News Saturday. Every section of the country showed an increase while losses were widely scattered.

WOULD MAKE COTTON BASIS OF CURRENCY

Washington, D. C., Aug. 14.—Bills to establish bonded warehouses, wherein cotton may be stored and made the basis of currency issues, were introduced in congress today by senator Hoke Smith and representative Lever, after consultation with officials of the department of agriculture, commerce and the treasury.

SUES MILLING COMPANY FOR \$10,000 DAMAGES

Suit for damages for the death of her husband was filed by Mrs. Guadalupe C. de Sandoz in the special district court Friday morning against the El Paso Milling Company. The plaintiff sets forth in her petition that her husband was employed by the defendant company on May 23, 1913, and that he was sent into a sawmill by his foreman and that while he was in there, the saw exploded and he was fatally injured, dying a short time later.

LOCAL DONATIONS FOR RED CROSS RELIEF WORK

Up to the present date the following donations to El Paso chapter for the American Red Cross have been received:

F. Braden, El Paso, Tex., \$3.00
Tom Coughlin, Coachman, Tex. 1.00
John T. Graner, El Paso, Tex., 2.00
Mrs. Selma Kronenberg, Tularosa, N. M., 25.00

Total \$33.00

The Daily Novelette

THE RETURN OF THE PRODIGAL

About the wife who does but wait
Until your hubby comes home later;
Then throws a pen, a brick or plate,
And leaves him to—Ah, such is Fate!

THE shades of night were falling as fast as usual, but with Hams-worth Giggashand had not returned home.

Something has happened to him, I know it, I know it!" moaned Mrs. Giggashand. Hypocritically wiping the apprehensive moisture from her brow with the hem of her \$500 Dillworth tango gown, she went on frantically, "Oh, he's been held up, or knocked down, or something. I know it! Oh, why was I ever mean to him? Why did I speak so crossly to him at breakfast this morning, and all those other mornings? He's the best husband that ever breathed, and now he's dead, dead, dead!"

Rushing to the window, she looked out fearfully into the darkness, crying, "Oh, Hamsworth, come home! Only come home safe and sound and I'll swear, never to speak another cross word to you, never, never, never do anything but what I know will please you, devote my whole life to your comfort! Only, come home anyway but dead!"

As if in answer to her prayer, the door behind her opened, and her husband stepped into the room.

"Train was late," he announced.

"What's to eat?"

She turned burning eyes upon him. "Nothing, you heartless wretch! Do you think you can scare me half to death, and then expect to get supper for it? If you want anything to eat you'll go down in the kitchen and cook it yourself!"

Which, with a heavy sigh, Hamsworth did.

Abe Martin

Th' luster so much admired in a celluloid collar may be restored by floor wax. We all belon' t' th' union 'n' it comes t' wantin' more money an' less work.

STOLEN AUTO IS WRECKED; NEGRO HELD BY POLICE

Hudson Touring Car Ruined by Party of Joyriders; Owned by Dallas Man.

While driving at terrific speed, a thief who stole a five passenger touring car from the Imperial garage, of this city, collided with the railing at the El Paso bridge, east of El Paso, on the county road, at an early hour Friday morning, completely wrecking the big machine. The flying car struck the railing on the right side of the bridge and then bounded to the left, striking the railing and snapping the two front wheels, the axle, crushing the radiator and otherwise demolishing the machine.

Garage Employee Arrested.

Docketed on a charge of stealing the machine, J. A. Clark, a negro employee of the Imperial garage, was arrested Friday morning at 11 o'clock by Capt. Lon Garner and confined in a cell behind the bars of the city jail. Complaint was filed in the county court charging him with violating the "joyriding" law passed at the last session of the Texas legislature.

Negro Identified by Chauffeur.

J. A. Clark was identified by "Joe Salinas, 53 1/2 South El Paso street," as the negro, who, with three or four women, he picked up near the scene of the wreck early Friday morning. Salinas was driving his machine to El Paso from Ysleta, when he overtook the four wheeled car, which he recognized as belonging to the Imperial garage.

According to O. O. Osburn, one of the owners of the Imperial garage, where the machine was kept, Clark was employed as night watchman and mechanic at the garage. The car was taken some time after midnight, and when the owners of the garage asked Clark about it he said that the machine had been taken by two men and two women during the time he was at lunch.

Reported Accident to Police.

When Salinas reached the city and discharged the passenger, he drove his car to the police station and informed the officers that a big Hudson touring car had been wrecked at the Nite Mile bridge and then told of bringing the four negroes to the city, who, he said, were walking in the direction of El Paso within a short distance from the scene of the wreck.

MAN KIDNAPS BOY; 50 YEARS, SENTENCE

New York, Aug. 14.—The maximum sentence of from 15 to 50 years in Sing Sing was today imposed on Pasquale Milano, leader of the band that kidnaped 8 year old Frank Longo from his home, on the east side, and held him captive for 49 days in a warehouse. Milano, another member of the band, was sentenced to from 12 to 25 years, Vincenzo Accia, was given from 10 to 20 years.

Six more alleged members of the band are in the Tombs awaiting trial.

According to the evidence produced at the trial, the kidnapers of the Longo boy threatened to burn down his home and shoot his parents unless money was forthcoming for his return.

OFFICER STABBED BY INSANE MAN ON BOARD TRAIN

Special Agent G. H. Thomas, of Albuquerque, N. M., May Die of Wounds.

Becoming violently insane as Santa Fe train No. 309, the Mexico express, due here at 19 a. m., was nearing Mesilla Park, north of this city, Frank Habermann, a foreman, terrified the passengers in the smoker Friday morning by jumping from his seat and flourishing a long dirk. Threatening to kill any person he came in contact with the insane man started through the smoking car, and a few seats behind the crazed foreman was George H. Thomas, special agent of the Santa Fe railway.

Thomas jumped to his feet and grabbed the man. They struggled for a short time in a desperate conflict and before any of the terrified passengers could intervene, the crazed foreman had been fatally wounded by the foreman, who stabbed him through the pleural cavity, and also hit him on the face.

Although wounded Thomas continued his struggle with the insane man, probably here and there from home several of the passengers. Auditor W. J. Whittington and the conductor, who were in the other end of the car, rushed to the assistance of Thomas and finally succeeded in overpowering the insane man.

Wounded Man Finally Subdued.

Handcuffs were put on the foreman who was brought to this city and lodged in the city jail and later the county jail. Thomas was rushed to the Hotel Dies in a waiting ambulance and Dr. C. F. Braden summoned. He attended the wounded man and says he is in a very critical condition, but may survive.

The foreman had two trunk checks in his possession. The trunks were checked from La Junta, Col., to El Paso. He boarded the train at Albuquerque and after the train left that city acted peculiarly, but did not show any signs of becoming violent until the train was nearing Mesilla Park. He is a man about 25 years old. Nothing is known of his home and the police are now trying to ascertain where his home is.

Tells Police Wild Story.

He told the police that his trunks were filled with automatic revolvers. A repair car was sent out from the garage to bring the machine to the city.

THREE ARE KILLED BY FALLING WALL

Anna, Ill., Aug. 14.—Three men were killed at Dequoka, Ill., here today, when the wall of a burning building fell on them.

The fire destroyed half the business section of the town. Among the buildings burned were the postoffice, the First National bank, the Old Fellows hall, five stores and a restaurant. The loss is estimated at \$200,000.

SPECIAL BOARD TO SELECT LANDS TO RECEIVE WATER

Chairman Newell Suggests Personnel of Board and Lands to Be Preferred.

Water service for the lands under the Elephant Butte project is to be determined by a board of reclamation service engineers. This commission has been recommended to secretary of the interior Franklin K. Lane by chairman P. H. Newell, of the reclamation commission, and will decide which lands in the Rio Grande valleys are to receive the life giving waters of the river from the Elephant Butte project.

This is regarded as the most important information that has been received at the local reclamation service offices for months. Contracts made since the project was initiated and excess holding contracts made when the project was initiated, have been included under the project until there is more acreage than water service. The commission will hold sessions and decide the important question of which lands shall have water service, according to the reclamation commission's recommendation.

Suggests Board to Designate Lands.

The recommendation of the commission through its chairman, to the secretary of the interior, is that a board be appointed to designate lands to be irrigated on the Rio Grande project, and the commission recommends that the board consist of P. H. Hanna, supervising engineer, L. D. O'Donnell, supervisor of irrigation, and A. T. Strahorn, or other agricultural expert familiar with the project.

The most important part of the chairman's recommendation refers to the method of procedure. The preference to be given to the cultivated lands shall be given in the following sequence:

Lands to Have Preference.

First—To lands in single ownership of not to exceed 160 acres under contract with the service when the project was initiated.

Second—To lands in single ownership of not to exceed 160 acres contracted for since the project was initiated.

Third—To lands in excess of 160 acres and signed up under excess holding contracts when the project was initiated.

Fourth—To lands in single ownership in excess of 160 acres contracted for since the project was initiated.

(b) After all cultivated lands have been included under such rule, the uncultivated lands should next be admitted in like order of preference.

To Consider Drainage Question.

The chairman also recommended that the board shall consider the important question of drainage in connection with the limitation of area of lands under the project. If this is not practicable, it is suggested that the board refer this question to a coordinate board which may include the drainage engineers.

Recommendation Received Friday.

The recommendation of chairman Newell to secretary Lane was received by project engineer L. M. Lawson here Friday in the form of a copy of the letter which was sent to the secretary of the interior.

Emphasizes Its Importance.

The importance of chairman Newell's suggestion is emphasized in a letter to the El Paso Herald from project engineer L. M. Lawson, in which he says in part:

One of the most important steps in the development of a reclamation service project is the designation of lands which are to receive water for irrigation, and this letter (chairman Newell's) explains the procedure of the selection of a board or commission to consider the limits of the project as well as the method to be followed in selection."

Alfred the Great

BY GEORGE FITCH.
Author of "At Good Old Strash."

ALFRED THE GREAT was the only English king who got his nickname for being larger than his job.

Alfred was born about 850 A. D., at which time being king of England was no more pleasant or important a job than being captain of a St. Louis baseball team. Previous to Alfred's time, English kings had been kept busy for many years running away from the Danes and other enemies. Kings at best in those days were an ignorant lot who ate with their fingers and could not read words of one syllable. The climate and the general ill nature was very hard on them and three of Alfred's brothers had become prematurely deceased on the job before he climbed upon the throne at the age of 22.

Alfred's father had caused him to be taught to read and write, which made him regarded as a mollycoddle.

Stomach Troubles Relieved



Dukes and Earls worked for hours making decrepit letters with a spitter pen.

But Alfred soon proved that a college education isn't a bad thing for a king. He at once went to work chasing the Danes out of his kingdom. It was weary work, because the English ran so fast. Finally there was none left to fight him and he won a great victory. Alfred chased the Danes into France and then reigned peacefully many years. He imported learning into England and made it so popular that Dukes and Earls stood their words in the corner and worked for hours making decrepit letters with a spitter pen. He revised the laws, making them less fatal for the common people, introduced justice, then

REGISTRY MEASURE IS HOTLY CONTESTED

Washington, D. C., Aug. 14.—The senate spent hours today debating the amendments to the bill to bring foreign ships under American registrar.

The amendments to permit their participation in coastwise trade was hotly contested. Senator Gallinger declared foreign interests had sent large sums of money "directly and by way of advertising" to break down the coastwise laws.

He declared the provision would be a greater aid to Great Britain than a great victory on a battlefield.

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